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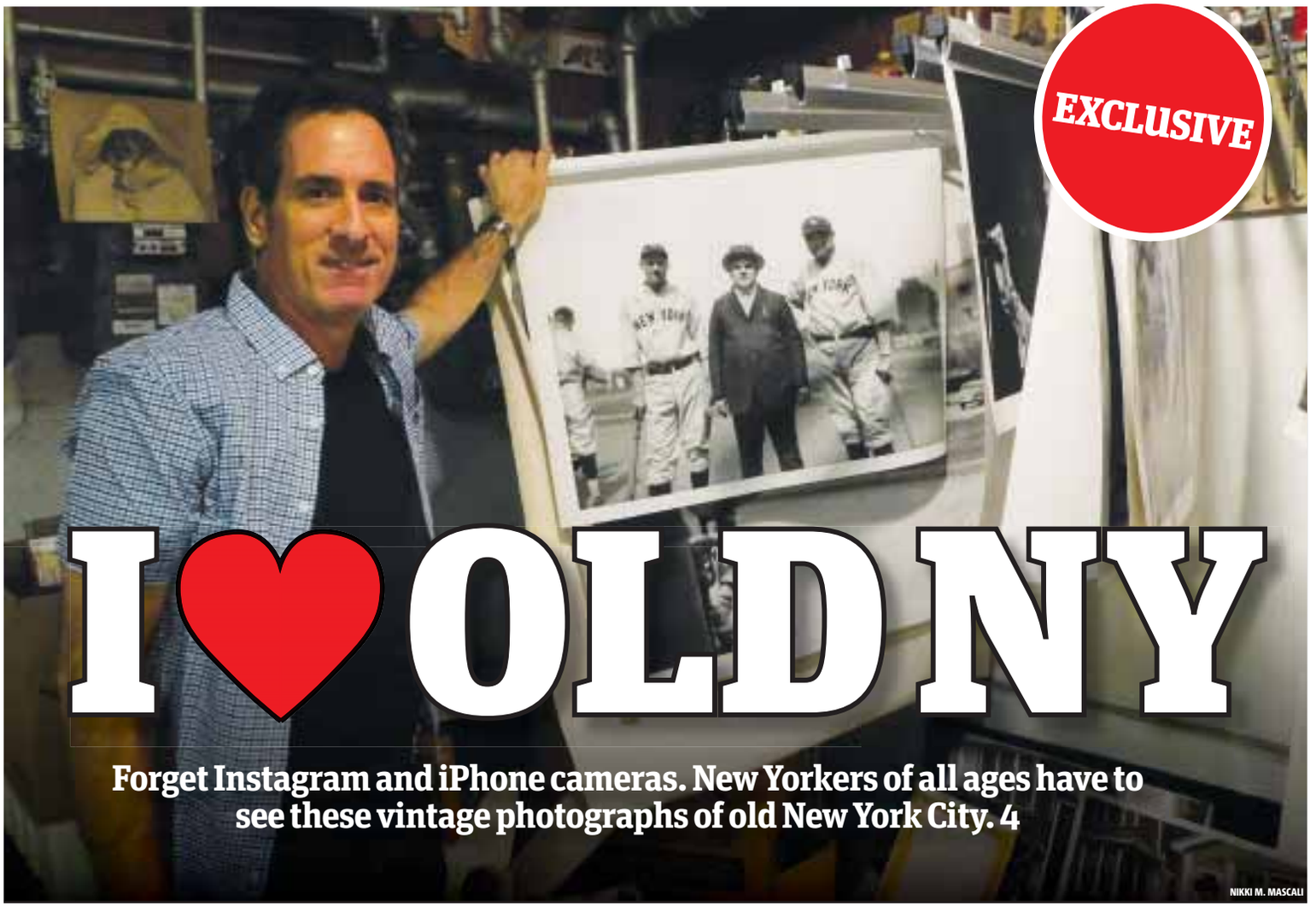

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NIKKI M MASCALI, REPORTER

With so many iconic things to photograph, our fair city was made for this Instagram-loving age, but Brooklyn photographer Ray Simone would much rather get lost among images of old New York. His hobby of choice, which I got to see firsthand when I visited his Williamsburg studio last week, is searching for film negatives that he digitally restores and retouches to give us a glimpse of a simpler, quieter time. Learn more about how Ray got his start and see some of his incredible images on page 4 or visit **metro.us**.

WAPO: MUELLER RAISES POSSIBLE TRUMP SUBPOENA

1 Special Counsel Robert Mueller, in a meeting with President Donald Trump's lawyers in March, raised the possibility of issuing a subpoena for Trump if he declines to talk to investigators in the Russia probe, the Washington Post reported on Tuesday. Citing four people familiar with the encounter, the Post said Mueller mentioned a subpoena after Trump's lawyers said the president had no obligation to talk with federal investigators who are probing Russia's alleged meddling in the 2016 presidential election. Earlier on Tuesday, President Trump criticized the leak of more than 40 questions that special counsel Robert Mueller wants to ask him. As negotiations continued over whether Trump will sit for an interview, the New York Times obtained a lengthy list of questions Mueller and his team have prepared for the president. "So disgraceful that the questions concerning the Russian Witch Hunt were 'leaked' to the media. No questions on Collusion," Trump wrote on Twitter. "It would seem very hard to obstruct justice for a crime that never happened!" Trump's lawyers met with Mueller last week to discuss a possible interview with the president, the Wall Street Journal reported.

FACEBOOK TO LAUNCH ITS FIRST DATING SERVICE

2 Facebook Inc. will offer its first dating service, Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said on Tuesday, signaling the entry of the world's largest social network into a growing market that sent shares of established dating site operators tumbling. Zuckerberg told software developers at Facebook's annual F8 conference that a dating service would be a natural fit for a company that specializes in connecting people online. "There are 200 million people on Facebook that list themselves as single, so clearly there's something to do here," Zuckerberg said. Facebook users have been able reveal on the network whether they are single or in a relationship since it first went live in February 2004. Zuckerberg said Facebook was building the dating service with an emphasis on privacy, a sensitive subject for people who use online dating and for Facebook as the company reels from a scandal over its handling of personal information. A dating service could increase the time people spend on Facebook and be a "big problem" for competitors such as Match Group Inc., said James Cordwell, an analyst at Atlantic Equities.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1968 MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS IN PARIS

3 Vehicles are burning as thousands of people take to the streets during the May Day demonstrations on May 1, 2018, in Paris, France. This month celebrates the 50th anniversary of May '68, when France saw millions of students and striking workers come onto the streets in demonstrations that changed the country.

GETTY IMAGES

CNN: DOCTOR SAYS TRUMP DICTATED HIS OWN REPORT

4 A letter from Donald Trump's New York physician released by his campaign in 2015 declaring he would be "the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency" was composed by the candidate himself, the doctor said on Tuesday. "He dictated that whole letter. I didn't write that letter," Harold Bornstein told CNN. Bornstein was not available to comment, but in a subsequent interview with NBC, he confirmed the account. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment from Reuters. "Mr. Trump has had a recent complete medical examination that showed only positive results," said the letter signed by Bornstein, who said he had treated Trump since 1980. "Actually, his blood pressure, 110/65, and laboratory results were astonishingly excellent. His physical strength and stamina are extraordinary," the letter said. "If elected, Mr. Trump, I can state unequivocally, will be the healthiest individual ever elected to the presidency." Bornstein told NBC News the characterization of "healthiest" was "black humor." Trump read out the language as Bornstein and his wife were driving, the doctor told CNN. The campaign released the letter in December 2015.

KANYE WEST SOUNDS OFF ON SLAVERY AND POLITICS

5 Rapper Kanye West on Tuesday described slavery as a choice, praised Donald Trump for doing "the impossible" by becoming president, and attributed his 2016 mental breakdown to opioid addiction. In the latest in a series of startling interviews, tweets and videos, West, 40, also revealed he had undergone liposuction some years ago because he did not want to be called fat. The Grammy Award-winning musician's most controversial comments came in a rambling video interview at the offices of celebrity website TMZ.com where he was asked about his recent Twitter spree. At one point in the TMZ interview, West says, "When you hear about slavery for 400 years. For 400 years? That sounds like a choice." On Tuesday, West also gave the first details of his November 2016 admission to a Los Angeles psychiatric hospital after a series of curtailed concerts and political rants. In separate video released on Tuesday to match his new single "Ye vs. the People," West discusses the support he voiced for Trump last week. Asked what he admired about Trump, West told fellow rapper T.I., "the ability to do what no one said you can do, to do the impossible."

STATS

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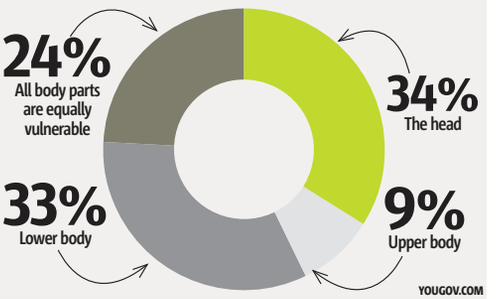

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As New York City changes, Brooklyn photographer Ray Simone, seen in his Williamsburg studio, painstakingly restores and retouches images of its past from old negatives he finds. NIKKI M. MASCALI

As NYC changes, a Brooklyn photographer restores the city's past from old negatives

"I like looking at a different period of time, a simpler time, a quieter time when things weren't hectic," said Williamsburg photographer Ray Simone.

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With its bustling streets, beautiful parks and ever-growing number of skyscrapers, New York City is an iconic city to photograph, especially now in the age of Instagram, but not for Brooklyn photographer Ray Simone, who'd much rather get lost among images of old New York.

"I like looking at a different period of time, a simpler time, a quieter time when things weren't hectic."
Ray Simone

"As we've transitioned from analog to the digital age, things like Times Square have been photographed to death," Simone told Metro at his Williamsburg studio last week. "For me, I like to look at old photographs of Times Square from the '40s or '20s with an old car or a cop on a horse or a kid with knickers on — that's what I appreciate more. I like looking at a different period of time, a simpler time, a quieter time when things weren't hectic."

Simone started collecting photographs of Old Hollywood at age 10. Every weekend, he'd sift through boxes of photographs at the flea markets held in the long-gone open lots along 14th Street and other areas of Manhattan.

"One day, I saw camera negatives mixed into a box of photographs, and it became, I don't want to use the word 'obsessive,' but …," he said with a laugh.

RAY SIMONE

A PAINSTAKING PHOTOGRAPHY PASSION

Before Simone restores those old, found negatives — some of which date back to the 1800s while many others are of New York City — he cleans them with air or chemicals to remove what dust and scratches he can.

"Then I painstakingly, piece-by-piece, draw and work with the exposure and contrast until it's finally done," he said. "I'm obsessive. I go a little too much as far as my restoration is concerned."

The time it takes for Simone to restore the images in Photoshop from the negatives varies every time, but some photographs can take an entire workweek — or more. For example, an image of a Brooklyn Bridge trolley car from a circa 1910 glass-plate negative took 40 hours, in addition to the week it took Simone just to remove the old newspaper wrapped around the negatives.

His record is the negative he's currently working on that features Yankees legends Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig with an unidentified man.

"This is Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig's best year as a team. This is the 1927 Yankees, and they were nicknamed 'Murderers' Row' because they were relentless," Simone said. "It's a real camera negative, and I've been working on this one already too long."

Naturally, Simone has come across more than a few fakes in his day, especially with Old Hollywood images, but his photographer's eye helps him spot them right away.

"It could be a photograph of a photograph being sold as a negative; you'll see the borders come out black because everything is in reverse," he explained.

While Simone thoroughly enjoys getting lost in the past with his negative restoration, his passion project is mostly a labor of love right now.

"I thought someone would catch on, but I haven't really sold much," he said.

Nor has he found anyone else who restores old photo negatives like he does, but he remains undeterred, even as cellphones have replaced traditional cameras for many people.

"I'll always be able to find negatives, especially as film cameras are making a comeback."

To see Ray Simone's photo restorations, visit photogallerynyc.com or @nyc.classicshots on Instagram.

This image of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig from 1927 that Simone is currently restoring is his record — and an original camera negative. NIKKI M. MASCALI

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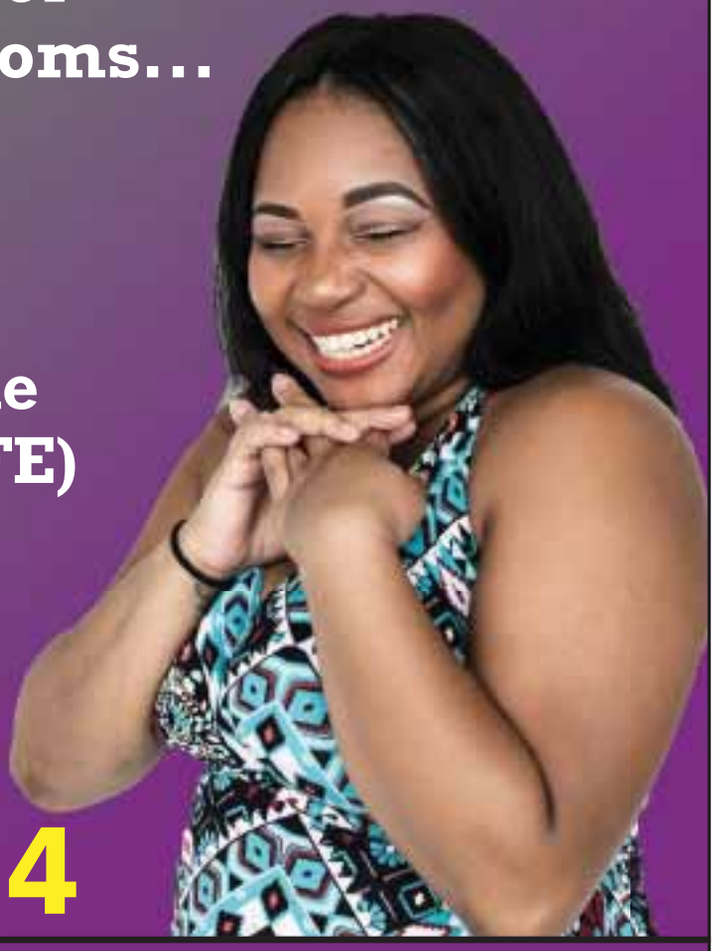

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New program lets incarcerated moms bond with their kids at Manhattan children's museum

Women incarcerated at Rikers Island can connect with their kids to keep their family connections strong and healthy, first lady Chirlane McCray announced.

At the Children's Museum of Manhattan, incarcerated women will get the chance to bond with their kids over art activities. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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Even when closed to the public, the Children's Museum of Manhattan will be teeming with activity per a new pilot program — as a place where incarcerated women can connect with their children.

First lady Chirlane McCray announced on Tuesday the start of a pilot program with the museum and the Department of Corrections to unite the families of women at Rikers Island.

Through the program, select women, children and their custodial caregivers will be able to bond over arts activities held inside the museum when it is closed to the public.

This effort — which began with the first family visit Monday, April 30 — is meant to ease the trauma of family separation when mothers are incarcerated.

> **"To be emotionally healthy, children must bond with a parent and spend quality time with that parent."**
>
> First lady Chirlane McCray

"To be emotionally healthy, children must bond with a parent and spend quality time with that parent. It is a necessity for their mental health and overall well-being," the first lady said in a statement. "Time spent together outside of a jail environment, making art, dancing, and enjoying music will provide children with opportunities to express themselves and relieve the anxieties that so many families of incarcerated women experience."

This method of using art to ease those anxieties is based on other tested programs at the Children's Museum, officials said, which use art-making to "positively influence behavior" via a Health and Learning Hub program.

McCray previously announced a $6 million investment toward breaking the cycle of incarceration for women, and this newest program is in line with those efforts to support family connections and stability.

Women make up 7 percent of the overall jail population in New York City, according to the mayor's office, and the majority of those women have a child at home or are the primary caretaker of another family member.

"The trauma of incarceration can have lasting health impacts for the person in prison and their loved ones outside of it, particularly children," said Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett in a statement. "This initiative is a way to strengthen familial supports, which are important for the mental and physical health of mother and child."

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					3 people	$25,783 - $37,560
					4 people	$25,783 - $41,720

Unit Size		Monthly Rent[1]	Units Available		Household Size[2]	Annual Household Income[3] *Minimum – Maximum*[4]
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					3 people	$32,435 - $46,950
					4 people	$32,435 - $52,150

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[1] Tenant responsible for electric

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New Yorkers who live or travel uptown on the A/B/C/D subway lines may have to find a new way to get around for three weeks this May as night work is slated to begin Monday night. GETTY IMAGES

Weeknight work on A/B/C/D lines to affect uptown service

B and C train service will end early, and no A or D trains will run between 59th Street and Inwood or Yankee Stadium, respectively, starting at 9:30 p.m.

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New Yorkers who live or travel uptown on the A/B/C/D subway lines may have to find a new way to get around for three weeks this May as MTA night work is slated to begin Monday.

The weeknight service suspension on the A/B/C/D lines is part of the MTA's Subway Action Plan and Fastrack program to give crews unfettered access to the train tracks for critical maintenance, cleaning and repairs.

During this cycle of overnight work, A trains will run local between Ozone Park-Lefferts Boulevard or Far Rockaway and Columbus Circle, while D trains will run between Norwood-205th Street and Yankee Stadium and between Columbus Circle and Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue.

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- A trains will not run in either direction between 59th Street-Columbus Circle and Inwood-207th Street

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- D trains will not run in either direction between 59th Street-Columbus Circle and 161st Street-Yankee Stadium

B

C

- B and C service will end early each night

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Patsy's Pizzeria goes cross-country with Spike Lee

With a little help from quintessential New Yorker Spike Lee, L.A. gets a taste of real pizza with JetBlue's "Pie in the Sky" limited promo.

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With some help from New York director Spike Lee, L.A. can now enjoy Patsy's Pizzeria. ALL IMAGES JETBLUE

Growing up, director and quintessential New Yorker Spike Lee lived on pizza, particularly from a pizzeria on the corner of Baltic and Henry Streets in Brooklyn's Cobble Hill.

"My mother would give me a quarter for lunch every day," Lee told Metro. "It was 15 cents for a slice and a dime for a Coke. Every day, I would have a slice of pizza and a cup of Coke, in a paper cup, for a quarter."

Lee's lifelong love of this very New York staple made him the perfect person to help JetBlue launch "Pie in the Sky," a limited-edition pizza delivery program that will send authentic pizza pies from Patsy's Pizzeria of East Harlem to Los Angeles from May 9 to 11.

Since 1933, Patsy's Pizzeria has been drawing in neighbors, celebrities and foodies alike for its classic brick-oven pies, which you can get by the slice. Rumor even has it that Patsy's Pizzeria, which Lee called "the cathedral of pizza in New York City," was the first to sell by the slice.

"As New York's Hometown Airline, we know there's no slice like a New York slice," said Elizabeth Windram, JetBlue's vice president of marketing. "In creating the first-ever coast-to-coast pizza delivery by an airline, we're bringing the best pizza to Los Angeles to share an authentic taste of our home."

So what makes our pizza so damn good? Lee thinks it's a combination of the water, dough or "just the New York City air and whatever *je ne sais quoi* is in Italian, that's what it is," he said.

While we may never know the exact secret is, we do know how Los Angeles residents should *not* eat their Patsy's Pizzeria pies.

"People are gonna look at you funny if you're eating your pizza with a knife and fork," Lee said. "Usually if someone's doing that, they're just a tourist. As a New Yorker, you just don't do that. If you do, we're gonna slap you in the head."

JetBlue's "Pie in the Sky" promotion runs from May 9-11. Los Angeles residents can visit jetblue.pizza to start their order and validate their zip code to ensure they're in the delivery zone.

Ordering begins at midnight PDT each day, and quantities are limited to 350 pies per day, so first come, first served for a 16-inch cheese pie for $12 or $15 for pepperoni.

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The Justice Department has quietly deleted references to press freedom

It was removed from their literal list of priorities.

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While the tweetatariat was consumed in debate about Michelle Wolf's makeup tips at the White House Correspondents' Dinner, it was reported that the Justice Department has quietly deleted references to press freedom from its manual for federal investigators.

The guide, which provides directions and priorities for federal prosecutors, has been revised for the first time since 1997. Under the direction of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the DOJ has deleted a section on racial gerrymandering and another titled "Need for Press and Free Trial," BuzzFeed News reported on Sunday.

The deleted section, which was in the manual since at least 1988, read: "Likewise, careful weight must be given in each case to the constitutional requirements of a free press and public trials as well as the right of the people in a constitutional democracy to have access to information about the conduct of law enforcement officers, prosecutors and courts, consistent with the individual rights of the accused. Further, recognition should be given to the needs of public safety, the apprehension of fugitives, and the rights of the public to be informed on matters that can affect enactment or enforcement of public laws or the development or change of public policy."

References to racial gerrymandering and the limits of prosecutorial power were also deleted from the manual. Additions included language warning prosecutors against leaking information and to report their media contacts.

The changes were not publicly announced, which is unusual. In January, the DOJ announced it was adding a section on "religious liberty," which directed prosecutors to alert senior officials if any lawsuits were filed against the government "raising any significant question concerning religious liberty."

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> A portion of a Justice Department manual for federal investigators, which was recently deleted

Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein had ordered a top-to-bottom review of the manual, but the Justice Department didn't comment on why the specific text was removed. DOJ spokesperson Ian Prior told BuzzFeed News the manual is meant to be a "quick and ready reference" for lawyers, not "an exhaustive list of constitutional rights, statutory law, regulatory law, or generalized principles of our legal system."

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Loneliness study shows young people are the most isolated

It might seem a little dramatic to say that loneliness is dangerous, but isolation is scientifically shown to have negative impacts on a person's health. GETTY IMAGES

We're more connected than ever, thanks to social media and smartphones, but we're also lonelier than ever. Especially young people.

Insurance carrier Cigna — in conjunction with the research firm Ipsos — measured loneliness in 20,000 Americans using UCLA's Loneliness Scale.

The 20-question Loneliness Scale gauges a person's "subjective feelings of loneliness as well as feelings of social isolation" on a scale of one to four — never, rarely, sometimes or often.

And the results were alarming.

Younger people are more likely than seniors to be lonely

Elderly Americans are typically the group of people touted as the loneliness, but the Cigna loneliness study found that they're not as isolated as previously thought.

"Half of Americans view themselves as lonely," David Cordani, president and CEO of Cigna Corp., told NPR.

The national loneliness score — on a scale of 20 to 80 — is 44, according to the survey results. Those in Generation Z (currently ages 18 to 22) clocked a loneliness score at 48, compared to 39 for adults 72 and older.

Social media makes us lonelier

Social media is intended to make us feel more connected to each other, but a growing body of research shows the opposite is true.

"I have students who tell me they have 500 'friends,' but when they're in need, there's no one," Jagdish Khubchandani, a health science professor at Ball State University, told USA Today. Talking to people via computers and phones might seem like socializing, but it's not replacement for the real thing.

Research published in 2017 by San Diego State University psychologist Jean Twenge showed that more screen time might cause more depression and suicide among American adolescents. The same research found the opposite for those not as active on social media; the more face-to-face social interactions they have, the less likely they are to experience depression or suicidal thoughts.

Is loneliness dangerous to our health?

It might seem a little dramatic to say that loneliness is dangerous, but isolation is scientifically shown to have negative impacts on a person's health.

A 2017 meta analysis of 148 studies on loneliness and isolation with over 300,000 participants found that people with better social connections are 50 percent less likely to die early. Another meta analysis using data from 3.4 million people in four continents found that being alone played a direct role in premature death.

But, why? One thought is that being lonely creates anxiety — and not getting that interaction increases anxiety. The loneliness creeps into other areas of their life, too. A study from researchers at the University of Arizona found that lonely people are less equipped to deal with stress, maintain health and get adequate sleep.

"There's a blurred line between mental and physical health," Cordani added to NPR. "Oftentimes, medical symptoms present themselves and they're correlated with mental, lifestyle, behavioral issues like loneliness."

Stress can create a physical response, including inflammation that damages tissue and blood vessels. Inflammation can contribute to the development of heart disease, arthritis and diabetes, according to physician Vivek Murthy, a former U.S. surgeon general.

"Stress from loneliness is an insidious type of stress," Murthy told USA Today. MEAGAN MORRIS

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By Matt Edgar
America's Health Writer

Arthritis sufferers can't get it fast enough and doctors offering it can't keep up with the demand. "Results are better than even I anticipated" noted one of the treating docs at the ***NY Pain MD*** Center for Non-Surgical Medical Relief Of Spine And Joint Pain with two locations right here in NYC.

He was referring to their innovative arthritis treatment program featuring Advanced Image-guided "Visco-Supplementation" at the conveniently located clinics..

"The response continues to be overwhelming. Once patients found out there was an FDA cleared, doctor-administered arthritis treatment that actually works – without the side effects of oral pain pills or risks of replacement surgery - and has enough scientific research that it is covered by many insurances and even Part B medicare – the offices continue to be deluged with arthritis pain sufferers wanting to find if they, too, can be helped. And newer research indicates it can help hips, ankles and shoulders as well".

What Is This Treatment And How Does It Work?

If you are suffering with knee (or other joint) arthritis and pain, you are not alone. Degenerative joint disease or "arthritis" affects 21 mil-lion Americans and typically involves the weight bearing joints – like your knees. According to the American College of Rheumatology, nearly 70% of people over the age of 70 have x-ray evidence of the disease (and the ranks of much younger victims of this progressive disorder continue to grow significantly).

The worst thing is: Arthritis can be devastating. The pain can keep you up at night and make getting out of bed and moving around a daunting task. The pain and stiffness can suck all the happiness and joy right out of your life

And up until now, treatment options have not been that good… or that appealing to most patients. The basic protocol has been a steady diet of toxic pain pills until your joints completely wear out and then it's time to surgically replace the knee joint.

Read This If You Have Already Had Treatment Without Good Results

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But Now Things Have Changed

Osteoarthritis is a joint disease that mostly affects the cartilage. Cartilages the tissue that covers the ends on bones in a joint. When healthy, cartilage allows bones to glide smoothly over one another and acts as a shock absorber. Your" normal" knee also contains a small amount of fluid called synovial fluid. This synovial fluid is a thick, gel-like solution that cushions and lubricates the joint–much like oil lubricates the engine of your car.

In osteoarthritis, the synovial fluid loses it's lubricating properties and "dries up" allowing the cartilage to break down and wear away. This is *like running your car with little or no oil.* Now as you attempt to use your knee(s), there is not enough lubrication causing the bones to grind together resulting in pain, swelling, stiffness and the joint continues to wear out. This is a vicious cycle and can lead to bone-on-bone rubbing and excruciating pain. Pain pills do NOT lubricate the joint or fix the problem. They simply mask the pain so you do not feel the pain as your joints continue to deteriorate. The eventual repercussions of this are obvious.

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Who Should Consider Viscosupplementation... Where Can You Get It And... When Should You Start?

You should certainly consider The ***NY Pain MD*** method if you have been diagnosed with knee arthritis or told you need a knee replacement. If you have not been diagnosed with arthritis but have either knee pain, stiffness, swelling, difficulty walking or climbing stairs or loss of motion in the knee – you should have an examination to determine what the cause of your problem is. If you have any of those issues mentioned, there is a very good chance you already have-or are starting to get arthritis.

Very Important – Do Not Wait - Here's Why …

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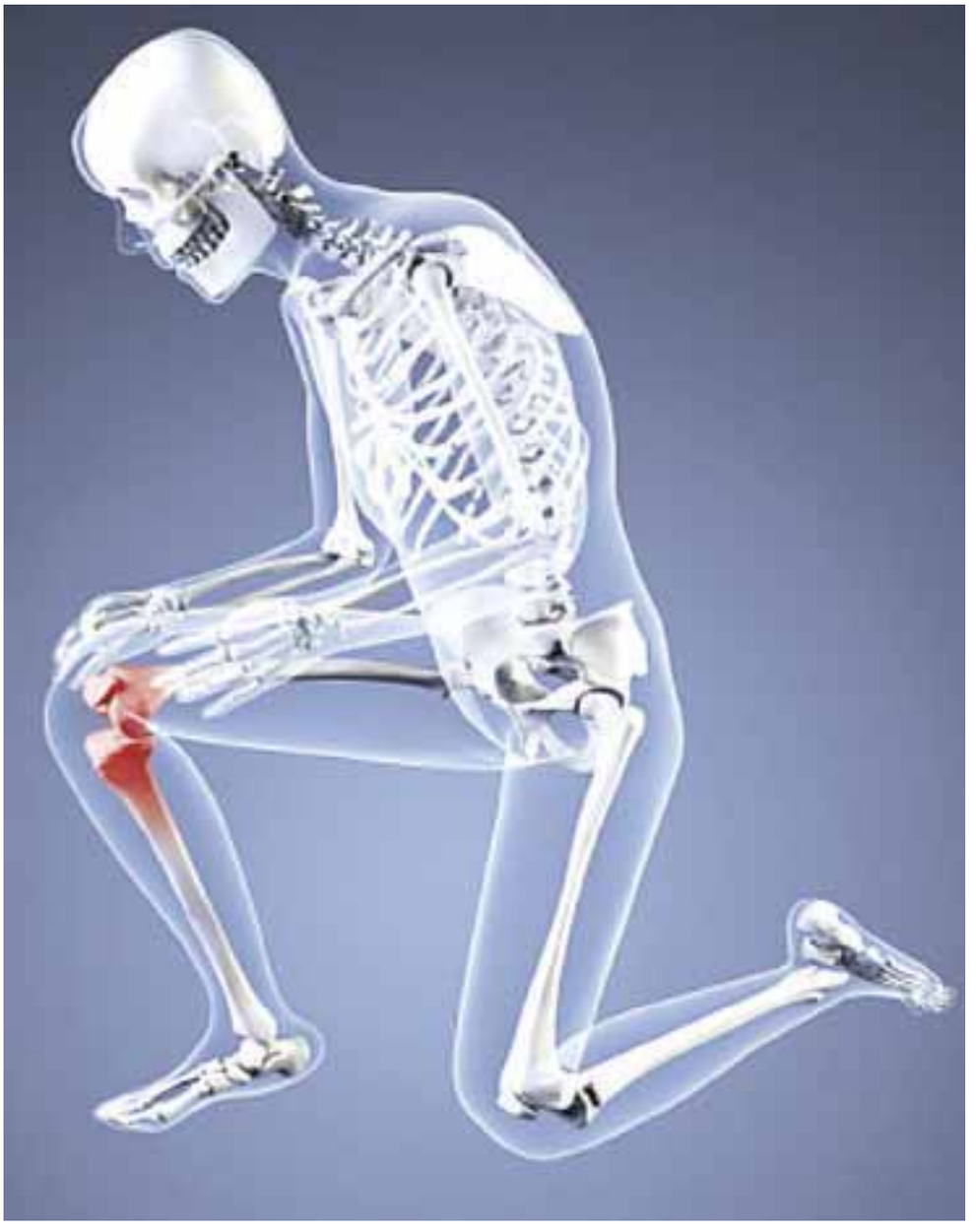

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‘Celebrity Boxing’ creator Damon Feldman opens door on life in new book

Sixteen minutes may not be enough for Damon “16 Minute Man” Feldman, known for putting D-list celebs in the ring through “Celebrity Boxing.”

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Boxing is in Damon Feldman’s blood. His father, the late Marty Feldman, was a Philly boxer who had a 20-3 record from 1952-63 and went on to train six world champion boxers. Damon started training at age 12 at an Upper Darby gym and went on to become a boxer known as the “Jewish Hammer.” But he had to leave the ring after slipping in 1998 and injuring his spine, which took him out of training for a year.

“I was on my way to a world championship, one of the only Jewish fighters out there, and hit a brick wall when I got injured,” Feldman, 42, who still resides in the Philly area, told Metro. “Then I got into promoting. I had a dream, I worked on it. And pretty much all my dreams came true.”

As Feldman tells it in his new book, “The 16 Minute Man,” the slip and fall was almost a sign from fate. Because that’s when he found the calling of boxing promotion, which wound up with him getting national attention for creating “Celebrity Boxing,” the competition that puts D-list celebrities in the ring to box and raise money for charity.

It’s all in the new memoir, just published and to be celebrated at a South Philly book signing event on May 3 at Chickie’s and Pete’s, along with an unblinking look at the darker side of fame.

“Celebrity Boxing” got national attention for bringing D-list celebrities back into the spotlight for one last shot at the big time — their “16th minute,” as Feldman calls it. A fight between disgraced figure skater Tonya Harding and alleged Bill Clinton sexual harassment victim Paula Jones was broadcast nationally on Fox. One of the biggest fights, he said, was Danny Bonaduce vs. Jose Canseco, “a child star versus the most controversial athlete of all time,” as Feldman called it. There was even a Battle of the Mistresses, pitting Violet Kowal, Mel Gibson’s ex-mistress, with Michelle McGee, ex-mistress of Jesse James (Sandra Bullock’s boyfriend). One time, “Long Island Lolita” Amy Fisher fought “Octomom” Nadya Suleman; and Fisher’s husband, Lou Bellera, fought her former lover, Joey Buttafuoco.

But along the road, in addition to the successes, there have been struggles.

Philly’s Damon Feldman, creator of “Celebrity Boxing,” is revealing all in a new memoir. ALL IMAGES GETTY IMAGES

In 2010, Feldman was charged by former Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett with fixing fights through “Celebrity Boxing.” He pleaded guilty to misdemeanors and accepted a sentence of probation.

But in 2017, as Feldman was organizing one of his biggest fights ever — Sugar Ray Leonard Jr. vs Marvin Hagler Jr. on the 30th anniversary of their fathers’ famed bout — he was spiraling into depression. He said childhood events were suddenly hitting him, like being raised by a quadriplegic mom who had been brutally attacked by an ex-boyfriend. At that time, his elderly father was slipping away.

“It was weird times, my dad was dying, and I was just in a bad situation,” Feldman said. Taking some time off and redoubling his efforts in the professional world helped him get his mojo back, Feldman said.

“I really got happy, man,” he said. “Hitting rock bottom made me like a new person. Hitting rock bottom made me succeed.”

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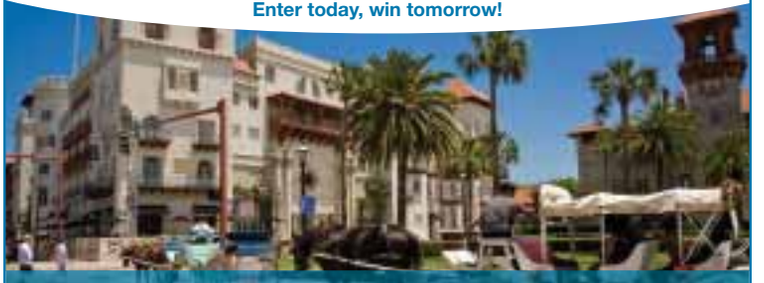

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New data: Playing youth football leads to earlier CTE symptoms

Researchers at Boston University looked at the connection between starting the game before the age of 12 and the onset of signs of the condition.

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It's now no secret that the hits most NFL players sustain during football games could lead to chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the degenerative brain disease known as CTE that causes memory loss, aggression, confusion and more.

But it's not just those tackles in a national stadium that can put a player at risk. Playing youth football before the age of 12 could lead to an earlier onset of the cognitive and emotional symptoms associated with CTE, according to a new report.

Researchers at Boston University School of Medicine and VA Boston Healthcare System released a study this week looking at 211 football players who were diagnosed with CTE after death, and the effects of youth football on that outcome.

Those who began playing tackle football before 12 saw CTE symptoms appearing an average of 13 years earlier than those who didn't.

Every year younger that someone began to play football predicted earlier onset of cognitive issues, like memory loss, by 2.4 years and behavioral and mood problems, like aggression and depression, by 2.5 years, according to the report.

Though playing football at a younger age was associated with these symptoms appearing earlier, it wasn't associated with a more severe form of CTE. The main finding was that starting tackle football at a younger age influences when those symptoms first appear, and also puts players at risk of other brain diseases, like Alzheimer's and dementia.

"Youth exposure to repetitive head impacts in tackle football may reduce one's resiliency to brain diseases later in life including, but not limited to, CTE."

Dr. Ann McKee, chief of neuropathology at Boston VA Healthcare System

The younger someone starts playing tackle football, the earlier cognitive and behavior symptoms of CTE appear, according to a BU study. C WATTS/FLICKER CREATIVE COMMONS

"Youth exposure to repetitive head impacts in tackle football may reduce one's resiliency to brain diseases later in life including, but not limited to, CTE," said Ann McKee, MD, chief of Neuropathology at Boston VA Healthcare System and Director of BU's CTE Center, in a statement. "It makes common sense that children, whose brains are rapidly developing, should not be hitting their heads hundreds of times per season."

Of the 211 CTE-diagnosed brains studied, 76 were amateur football players and 135 played at the professional level. The brains were donated to the VA-BU-Concussion Legacy Foundation Brain Bank. Researchers conducted phone interviews with the friends and families of those players to determine if they displayed such cognitive, behavior and mood symptoms and when they first began.

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"Faye Emerson: Young Lady in a Hurry" (1950) with Stanley Kubrick in the background. ALL IMAGES BY STANLEY KUBRICK COURTESY OF THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Stanley Kubrick before the movies

See how director Stanley Kubrick honed his filmmaking skills behind a different kind of camera, taking photographs of New York City in the 1940s.

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You know those kids, the ones everyone knows who they'll grow up to be? That's the sense you get from looking at Stanley Kubrick's photographs of life in New York.

Taken starting when he was just a 17-year-old kid from the Bronx working for Look magazine, there's so much energy and emotion packed into his images they appear to be almost like GIFs, about to come to life at any moment.

It's a fascinating early glimpse of a man who'd go on to make slow-burn epics like "The Shining" and "2001: A Space Odyssey," which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018. The director is famous for using stillness as a tool, creating a steady, quiet canvas to make his characters stand out even more, a talent he surely learned while taking these photographs.

The Museum of the City of New York takes a much deeper look at Kubrick's tenure at Look, from 1945-1950, with the new exhibit Through a Different Lens: Stanley Kubrick Photographs. Opening May 3, the show follows his career from a photojournalist who didn't shy away from the grit of the city even as he was drawn in by its glamour to visionary director in more than 120 images, many of which have never been published.

See the show from May 3-Oct. 28.

The Museum of the City of New York is located at 1220 Fifth Ave at 103rd St., open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is $18; mcny.org.

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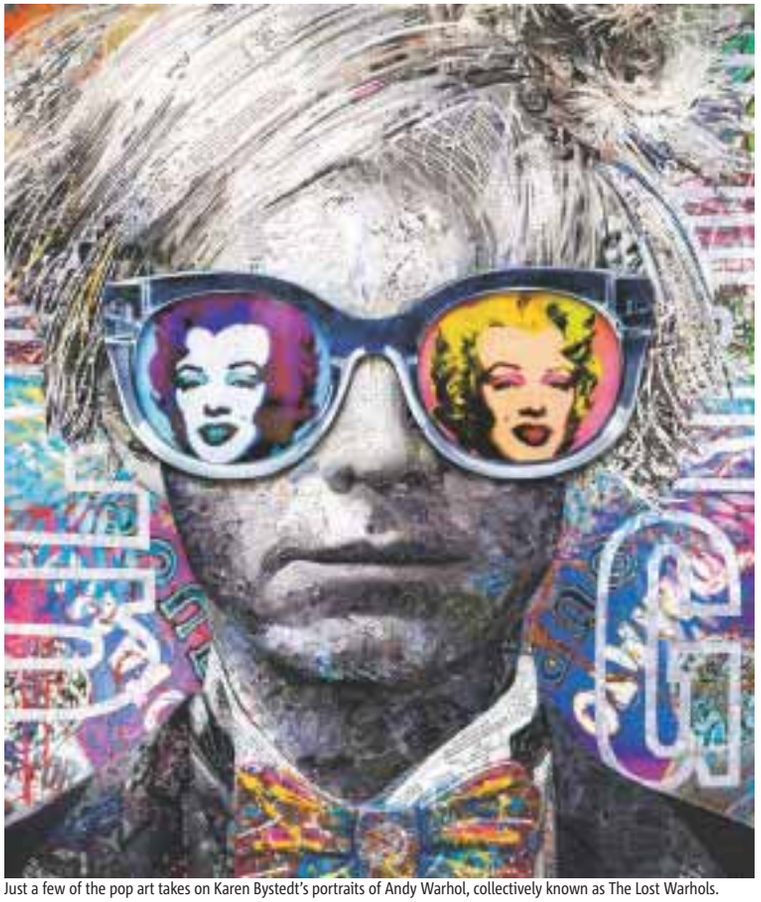

Just a few of the pop art takes on Karen Bystedt's portraits of Andy Warhol, collectively known as The Lost Warhols.
BRAYDEN BUGAZZI

Andy Warhol gets the pop art treatment

Ten never-before-seen portraits of the artist serve as the canvas for The Lost Warhols.

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Whether it was Campbell's Soup cans or Marilyn Monroe, Andy Warhol knew how to take a single portrait and reveal wholly new facets of its subject. So it's appropriate that a new art show about Warhol would use his own face as the canvas.

Now open, The Lost Warhols brings together a collection of 66 artworks that use one of 10 never-before-seen portraits of the pop art icon as their inspiration at a SoHo gallery space (178 Sixth Ave.).

The original images were taken by photographer Karen Bystedt, who got Warhol to sit for a portrait session in 1982 by cold-calling the artist. Though she was just a 19-year-old film student at New York University at the time, Warhol agreed.

Bystedt published two of the 36 photos she took during that session in her 1983 book "Not Just Another Pretty Face" and put the rest in storage. Forgotten until 2011, the negatives were damaged to the point that she and a friend spent four months restoring the 10 salvageable images pixel by pixel. She then invited artists, including neo-pop legend Peter Tunney, to use her pictures as the basis for their own interpretations of Warhol.

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"The art in this collection is close to my heart, and having it here in New York — where Andy was a king — is something I know he would have loved," says Bystedt.

The Lost Warhols will remain on view through May 22, where when all of the images will be sold at a live auction. Half the proceeds going to benefit the hunger-relief organization God's Love We Deliver.

And for more Warhol, look for the Whitney Museum's massive retrospective From A to B and Back Again, set to open in November.

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Caitlin FitzGerald on 'Sweetbitter' and the dark side of the restaurant industry

Metro chats with the "Masters of Sex" and "UnREAL" star about her latest venture.

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In "Sweetbitter," FitzGerald plays Tess' mysterious mentor, Simone. STARZ

On Sunday, "Sweetbitter" — based on the book of the same name — will premiere on Starz, an attempt to bring glitz, glamour and mystique to the not-at-all exciting world of being a restaurant's backwaiter (that's fancy for busboy). The series follows Tess — your standard-order naive, homegrown gal from Ohio — as she tries to find herself in 2006-era Williamsburg, as one does. Once she scores a job at a fancy pants restaurant, she finds herself caught up in the drama of love triangles and balancing three plates at a time. As one does.

There is one tiny glimmer of hope in "Sweetbitter," though, and it comes in the form of the mysterious, inscrutable Simone, played lovingly by Caitlin FitzGerald. We chatted with the actress about practicing for the role, the relationships between women in the series and tackling the darker side of the restaurant industry.

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Did you have to research your role in actual restaurants?
We had a consultant who came in and did waitressing bootcamp before we started shooting. We had a few days where we did kind of a crash course in fine dining and … we dropped a lot of plates. It was a graveyard of glasses.

What got you excited about the role of Simone?
It's interesting because I was kind of Tess, Ella Purnell's character, in my life. I graduated from New York University in 2006, when the show is set, and went to work in restaurants. And I knew a lot of women like my character, Simone, who seemed to always know the right thing to say and wear and knew everything about food and wine and seemed to be living lives based on their own rules. So to play the woman that I got to idealize when I was younger was really exciting.

> **"We dropped a lot of plates. It was a graveyard of glasses."**

Describe the relationship between Tess and Simone.
It's very multifaceted. It's not just one thing. There's definitely a mentor/mentee relationship there. I think there's love there and maybe competition and some bitterness and suspicion. And to me, that feels really true to life. I've certainly had many relationships in my life with women that are very complicated.

You've said that you read the book and it was all a super-familiar experience to you.
It was uncanny, the first time I read the book. It felt like reading my diary from when I was 22, only actually well-written and articulate! I told Stephanie at my first audition that we had definitely waited on the same people because the characters were so familiar in her story. And I loved it, and it made me feel incredibly nostalgic for that time in my life. It was a homecoming of sorts. Our show feels like the New York that I know, the New York that I came of age in.

Do you think the series will cover the darker side of the restaurant industry?
I think the restaurant industry — like every industry — has inappropriate power dynamics and I think certainly in 2006, long before we were having the conversation the way we are now, it was at work. So I don't know what the plans are for the show but I can't imagine that they would ignore that dynamic going forward.

"Sweetbitter" premieres Sunday, May 6, at 8 p.m. on Starz.

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There are many reasons why Ruth Bader Ginsburg is an inspiration to millions of people — not just in America, but across the world.

At 85 years young she's still fighting for equality. She even visits a gym regularly to keep herself in peak condition so that she can continue her work as an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

But Ruth Bader Ginsburg's inspiring story goes much deeper than that, so it's no surprise directors Julie Cohen and Betsy West wanted to turn it into a documentary. I recently talked to the duo about "RBG," and they had nothing but praise for the incredible woman.

When did you become interested in making this documentary?
Betsy: In 2015 we took note of Justice Ginsburg's rise on the internet, as "the Notorious RBG" and the "Saturday Night Live" impersonations. She was clearly striking a chord with the millennial generation. We'd both previously interviewed Justice Ginsburg, and we knew there was so much more to her story, and that someone should make a documentary about her. So we thought, "Why not us?"

Why has she become so popular?
Julie: Her huge popularity seems to be a combination of a few factors. One of them is just the unlikeliness of a very tiny, serious-seeming, 85-year-old Jewish grandmother in a judicial robe speaking up and saying some things in her court opinions and dissent that a number of young, liberal activists find relatable. So there's an irony factor here. But behind that there's a seriousness and appreciation for the important work that she's done for many decades.

What do you think today's generation can take from Justice Ginsburg and what she's achieved?
Betsy: There's a lot to learn about how Ruth Bader Ginsburg has approached challenges throughout her life, both personal and professional. As a brilliant young lawyer coming out of Columbia Law School at the top of her class she couldn't get a job. She became a professor and moved into the area of women's law, at a time when discrimination against women was widespread and just generally accepted — not at all questioned. She devised a brilliant legal strategy to take this on. Not yelling and screaming, "Sexism! Sexism!" But by slowly showing the nine male justices on the Supreme Court that this kind of discrimination was unfair under the constitution. I think people can take a lot from her approach to facing adversity and to using her brains and her talent to oppose it and overcome.

Did you talk to her about the state of politics?
Julie: We're aware, as filmmakers and as citizens, that there are constraints about what the Justice can talk about. We didn't attempt to have any off-the-record conversation. Every conversation was on the record. What she had to say was what was in the film. She did make the case for why she's absolutely capable of ruling fairly on any case that may come before the court in the current administration.

Betsy: She's an optimistic person. At one point she says, 'We may be in tough times, but look at how far we've come.' She takes the long view of the world. She has a tremendous belief in our legal institutions.

"RBG" is in theaters May 4.

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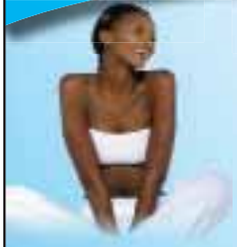

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The comedic actress adapts her role ... with a dark side. THE CW

Rachel Bloom wants to unite the world through comedy

The 'Crazy Ex-Girlfriend' talked to us about 'Most Likely to Murder'

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"Most Likely to Murder" could easily be called "Crazy Ex-Boyfriend."

Not only does it feature the co-creator and star of "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," Rachel Bloom, but it was co-written and directed by her husband, Dan Gregor, who also works on The CW show, and revolves around Adam Pally returning to his hometown after a 15-year gap to discover that his old girlfriend (Bloom) is dating a former outcast, who he then sets out to prove is actually a murderer.

I recently had the chance to talk to Rachel Bloom about "Most Likely to Murder," working with her husband and the importance of the Upright Citizens Brigade to her career.

There are a lot of members of the Upright Citizens Brigade in the film.
I met my husband because he was one of the founding members of the sketch comedy group that I became director of in my final year. Separately, he did a lot of stuff at UCB. I started UCB when I was a freshman — that's where I learned comedy. Even when I moved out to Los Angeles I continued to do UCB and stayed in that community.

You find like-minded people. You learn a technique for humor and for comedy. In every other art form there's a technique. So it was nice to learn that for sketch comedy. Sketch comedy is one of my first loves. Because you learn this idea of the game of the scene, which is the pattern of behavior, or the pattern of what's funny in a scene or in a sketch, which you then heighten. That really extends to dramatic narratives.

In this movie you see a lot of elements of sketch comedy and running gags. And at the same time the challenge of comedy is that you really can only make somebody laugh if you're subverting an expectation. If you're doing something unexpected.

Your husband Dan co-wrote and directed this film; when did you first get involved?
He co-wrote it with his writing partner, Doug Mand, who's also in the movie. They've been coming up with this idea and breaking the story for five years. I read the first draft, and I've always really loved it. Being funny is obviously really hard, coming up with jokes is really hard, but folding it into a good, emotionally grounded narrative is hard and rare. That's what I was really proud of.

Have you worked with Dan before?
We met each other doing sketch comedy. I did music videos before "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" — he directed most of them — and he wrote on "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend." Everything he and I write, we give each other notes. We're just very much on the same page. So that makes collaboration with him very easy. We were friends before we dated; he's a really lovely person. You sometimes get people who use comedy as a sword to put people down, or as a weapon. That isn't his thing. He uses it to bring people together.

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Knicks close to finding new HC

The Knicks have completed their interviews with a decision possibly coming shortly.

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The New York Knicks might be announcing their new head coach very shortly. As soon as this week, even.

According to ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski, the Knicks have finished interviewing candidates, and a final decision from a long list is looming.

In total, there have been 11 candidates who have met with Knicks President Steve Mills and General Manager Scott Perry:

MIKE BROWN: Golden State Warriors assistant

DAVID FIZDALE: Former Memphis Grizzlies head coach

DAVID BLATT: Former Cleveland Cavaliers head coach

MIKE BUDENHOLZER: Former Atlanta Hawks head coach

MARK JACKSON: TV analyst, former Golden State Warriors head coach

JUWAN HOWARD: Miami Heat assistant

JAMES BORREGO: San Antonio Spurs assistant

JERRY STACKHOUSE: G-League head coach

JAY LARRANAGA: Boston Celtics assistant

MIKE WOODSON: Los Angeles Clippers assistant, former Knicks head coach

KENNY SMITH: TV analyst

At first glance, it looks as though Budenholzer and Blatt are favorites for the job as Marc Stein of the New York Times reported that the Knicks have "ramped up their background work" on both candidates.

The 2015 NBA Coach of the Year, Budenholzer was allowed to part ways with the Hawks, who have suddenly fallen from Eastern Conference contender to woeful rebuilding side in a matter of one season. In five years with the Hawks, he accrued a 213-197 record with four playoff appearances after spending 17 years as an assistant under Gregg Popovich in San Antonio.

David Blatt (left) and Mike Budenholzer (right) might be favorites to land the Knicks head-coaching job. GETTY IMAGES

It looks as though there will be some competition for Budenholzer, who might have a much nicer offer on the table in a matter of days. Per Marc Berman of the New York Post, the Milwaukee Bucks, fresh off pushing the Boston Celtics to seven games in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals with star Giannis Antetokounmpo, will also be pursuing Budenholzer.

As for Blatt, the former Cavaliers coach was all but banished to Turkey after an uncermonious firing in 2016, just a season removed from winning the Eastern Conference title. While there have been questions surrounding his ability to coach in the NBA, citing LeBron James as the sole source of his success, Blatt is one of the most successful coaches to ever roam the sidelines in Europe, winning a combined 21 titles in Israel, Russia, Yugoslavia and Turkey.

Given the recent trend of international flair to make its way into the league, Blatt could be the trendy choice.

Could Knicks be in play for Kawhi?

Things are messy right now in San Antonio.

With the Spurs' first-round exit from the Western Conference playoffs officially ushering in their offseason, all attention turns to star forward Kawhi Leonard, who missed most of the 2017-18 season due to a mysterious quadriceps injury that has created fault lines in the relationship between star and team.

Fault lines so serious that over the past few months, rumors have swirled that the 26-year-old's time in San Antonio will be coming to an end.

Those rumors seem to have the Spurs seriously spooked, according to a report by ESPN's Ramona Shelburne and Michael C. Wright:

"Multiple league sources also told ESPN that the Spurs have grown worried that Leonard's group has an ulterior motive to fray the relationship and get Leonard traded to a larger market like Los Angeles ... or New York or Philadelphia ... One source close to general manager R.C. Buford said the longtime executive admitted to him that he's constantly losing sleep over how and why the relationship with Leonard has disintegrated."

Kawhi Leonard's representation might want him out of San Antonio and playing in a larger city. GETTY IMAGES

Much of it appears to be stemming from the fact that the Spurs and Leonard's camp have not seen eye to eye on the diagnosis or the recovery of this quadriceps injury, which saw Leonard skip town and spend time in New York City to rehab during the season.

But why the reported interest in Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia?

The Lakers and Clippers offer Leonard an opportunity to play in his hometown of Los Angeles.

Per Sam Amick of USA Today, the Clippers have been preparing a trade package since the middle of April.

All that proactivity might not mean a thing for them though as the Lakers, the big brother of LA basketball, is interested in Leonard. And the feeling is mutual, according to Sean Deveney of the Sporting News.

But New York has reared its head into the conversation, which was only a matter of time given its big-market status and desperation to emerge from the mediocrity that's plagued the franchise since the turn of the century.

Leonard's uncle, Dennis Robertson, played a big part in sending the Spurs star to New York for his rehab and lives in New Jersey, which puts both the Knicks and 76ers in play. The 76ers though have much more to offer San Antonio as they are deep with young talent to sweeten the pot.

At the end of the day, though, Leonard is signed through the 2019-20 season with two years remaining on his five-year, $94.3 million deal. If the Spurs can spend the offseason smoothing things over with their star, then he isn't going anywhere.

If not, it's open season for the league on the trade market. JOE PANTORNO

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JETS MUST DEVELOP DARNOLD, NOT START HIM

OPINION

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The New York Jets have their franchise quarterback in Sam Darnold, the first-round pick who will be expected to lead this team over the next decade. Now, let him grow and develop into a franchise quarterback.

There are plenty of reasons to be excited about Darnold, the former USC quarterback dropping to the Jets at the No. 3 pick. He has the look, feel and pedigree of being a quarterback who can put a team on his broad shoulders. The time of his anointing isn't this moment, however.

First, Darnold must learn and grow into this role before he can put on Joe Willie's white shoes and fur coat. This isn't something that is lost on general manager Mike Maccagnan who prepared for this moment earlier this offseason.

This is a player, who was tabbed for weeks if not months as the draft's marquee quarterback and yet, somehow two teams bypassed him to go in different directions. And while the Cleveland Browns shouldn't be faulted for taking Baker Mayfield nor should the New York Giants for adding running back Saquon Barkley, the Jets clearly benefit from their decisions. This is a team that has wandered in the wilderness of the NFL for four decades without a quarterback since Joe Namath.

That isn't the case anymore. Darnold has all the tools, has the big arm and the experience in college to take that next step on Sundays.

That next step though, shouldn't come Week 1.

The Jets very purposefully stockpiled veteran quarterbacks this offseason. Maccagnan brought back Josh McCown after his success last year and added Teddy Bridgewater in free agency. It all means that, no matter how good Darnold might be during rookie minicamp or in training camp, there is no reason to rush him.

There is time for him to round out his game, to refine his technique, to really get into the playbook. These things don't happen overnight. It might take him until October or November to get to that point or perhaps even next year. Whatever the case and no matter how long, the Jets must not rush their new prized quarterback.

The Jets must take their time with Sam Darnold, writes Kristian Dyer. GETTY IMAGES

It must be a lesson learned from the Jets past.

Nine years ago, the Jets rushed along Mark Sanchez, the sixth overall pick in the draft who, like Darnold, hailed from USC. While the Jets ended up in the playoffs that year and the next, Sanchez would have benefitted from a time to sit and watch rather than be rushed along.

Geno Smith in 2013 also fell victim to being moved into a starting role too fast, the Jets naming the rookie and a second-round pick as the starter when he would have been best served to develop for the leap from his college offense to the NFL. He faced even greater hurdles than Darnold in terms of transitioning from his college offense to the Jets and now he is likely destined to be a backup quarterback for the rest of his career.

Now in Darnold, the Jets will face even great pressures to start their rookie.

Darnold is a higher draft pick than Sanchez or Smith, and he comes with a better college resume along with far more hype. The first time he beats the coverage over the top or zips a pass to fellow rookie tight end Christopher Herndon IV in minicamp, throwing in a tight window between a couple of undrafted rookie free agents cornerbacks, the hyperbole will begin. The demand will grow on the back pages to start this kid now.

Headlines will scream for it, based solely on his performance in shorts and a T-shirt at rookie minicamp. Fans will foam at the mouth, demanding that he start. Reporters will be retweeted and every Vine showing a single throw will lead to more of a demand, more shouts to start Darnold now

It is simply the way things are done in the world's largest media market.

The Jets have to guard against this temptation. Darnold's development long-term is the most important thing to this franchise, his growth and maturity will be what Maccagnan-an and head coach Todd Bowles will be graded on. If they develop him, they could be with the Jets a long time.

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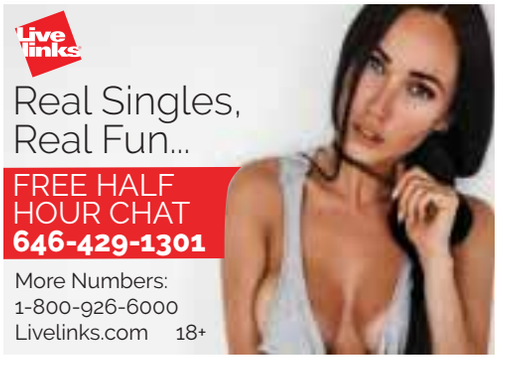

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5 Luxurious estate
10 Infraction or violation
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13 Catch on fire
14 Funny feeling
15 Agreement
16 Chow down
18 Grads-to-be
19 Bat refuge?
22 Sultans' cousins
25 Pestered in fun
29 Confute
30 Rum mixers
32 Licorice flavoring
33 Nut shells
34 Flashlight carriers
37 Samuel Clemens' pen name
38 Hair-styling foam
40 Min. fraction
43 Solstice mo.
44 Meat in a can
48 Build, as assets
50 Computer availability
52 Opera immortal
53 Further down
54 Debussy piano piece
55 Little chirper

DOWN

1 Impulse
2 Capp's hyena
3 Toiletry item
4 Quit stalling
5 Coq au --
6 Seine moorages
7 Fibber
8 Reduced
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10 Compete at an auction
11 Command to Fido
12 Grotesquely bizarre
17 Rudder's place
20 High regard
21 Racing boats
22 Diamond stat
23 Luncheonette list
24 Wading bird
26 Storm or oilskin slicker
27 Jazzy Fitzgerald
28 Painter Salvador --
31 9-digit ID
35 Bronco-riding event
36 "Crocodile" Dundee's girl
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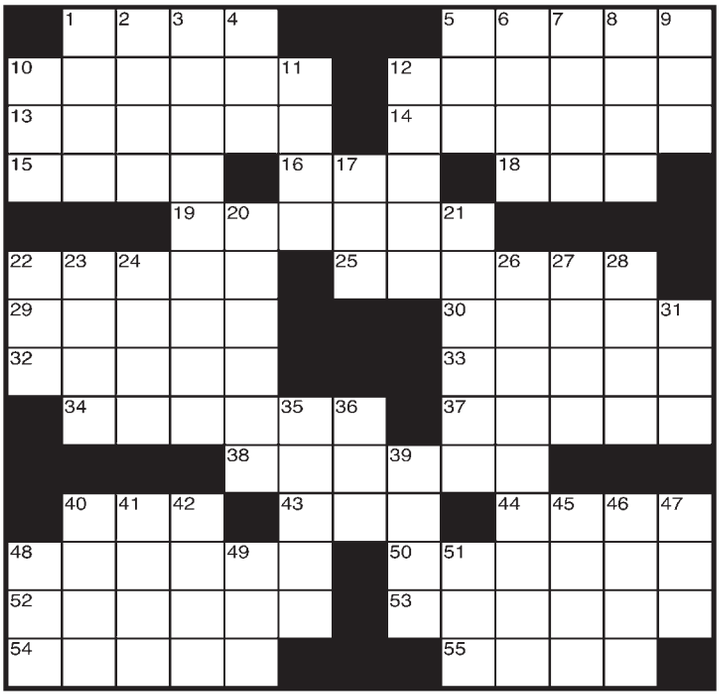

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Aries Negotiate on your own behalf. When faced with obstacles, use your intelligence and quick wit to turn the tables. A little romance will improve your life.

Taurus Work and advancement are favored. Don't shy away from taking the reins or putting in more hours if it will help you gain the respect required to reach your goals.

Gemini Emotional matters will keep you on your toes. Partnerships are best handled with caution. If something sounds suspicious, speak up and ask questions.

Cancer Offer help, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. A problem with someone who tries to take charge and speak on your behalf will come to a head.

Leo You'll be keen to try something new, but make sure you can afford the overall expense involved before you sign up. A positive physical change can be made without overspending.

Virgo Dealing with domestic matters, home renovations or expenses will cause stress if you are sharing the costs with someone who tends to be extravagant.

Libra Share your feelings and be sensitive to the needs of others. If you are willing to compromise, you will find a solution, even if you are dealing with a stubborn individual.

Scorpio Keep busy, move about and be willing to listen to reason. If you are too insistent or take on too much, you will not reach your target. Keep your life simple.

Sagittarius Concentrate on what's important. Don't exaggerate or be evasive when asked for facts to back up your claims. If you want to get things done, you'll have to get along.

Capricorn A steady pace toward your goal will be your best bet. If someone veers off in a different direction, don't feel obligated to tag along.

Aquarius Finish what you start and live up to your word. As long as you stick to your agenda and are productive, no one will have the right to complain.

Pisces False information will be offered. Rely on your intelligence and trustworthy people to avoid being led astray. A financial opportunity looks promising. EUGENIA LAST

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